

that the claim transmittal that accompanied the application indicated that 29 claims were sent and paid for. Additionally, it was noted that the pending claims (1-29) were improperly attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report by the Patent Office. Therefore, the Examiner agreed that Claims 1-29 were submitted properly and were not examined due to an error on the Patent Office's part.

The Examiner requested that Applicant submit a paper in which the contents of the interview were provided and requesting that the Office Action dated November 22, 2002 be withdrawn and that Claims 1-29 be examined. Thus, it is herein requested that the Office Action dated November 22, 2002 be withdrawn and Claims 1-29 be examined. It is also requested that the Preliminary Amendment dated July 26, 2001 be entered in its entirety. Attached to this Response is a copy of the original claim transmittal form and originally filed Claims 1-29.

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FORM PTO-1390 (REV 5-93)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 101615-00012	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				DATE: July 26, 2001	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP00/00957				INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 7 February 2000	
PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 February 1999				U.S. APPLN. NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 C.F.R. 1.5) Not Yet Assigned	
TITLE OF INVENTION: ESSENTIAL FATTY ACIDS IN THE PREVENTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Franco PAMPARANA					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. (THE BASIC FILING FEE IS ATTACHED) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper demand for International Preliminary Amendment was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]. 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]. 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]. <p>Items 11 - 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PCT/IPEA/409 ; PCT/IB/301; PCT/IB308; PCT/IB304; PCT/IB/332; PCT/RO/101; PCT/ISA/210 					

